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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Integrative Precision Agriculture Research, Education, and Demonstration Laboratory at the University of Georgia (UGA) Tifton Campus in Tifton, GA project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, located at 15 RDC Road, Tifton, GA 31793. The funding would be used to repurpose an underutilized portion of the 47-year-old Tifton Rural Development Center (UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center) to be transformed into a cutting-edge Interactive Precisions Agriculture Research, Education, and Demonstration Laboratory. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would be providing exceptional education space to demonstrate, test, and disseminate information on advanced agricultural practices to Georgia farms. By leveraging the expertise of faculty, staff, and researchers at the University of Georgia, this facility would increase agricultural efficiency, reduce costs, increase yields, and advance precision agriculture research and economic development throughout the state. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Drew Ferguson IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Ferguson" being the most prominent part.

Member of Congress